(d) Minimum essential amenities (MEA) at railway stations have already been provided. Further augmentation of passenger amenities at station commensurate with increase in passenger traffic/earnings is a continuous process and is undertaken through Annual Works Programme depending upon availability of funds and other relative priorities.

Railway projects in Uttar Pradesh

683. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing projects of Northern and North Eastern Railway in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of the projects which are likely to be completed in time and those running behind schedule;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the works of NER are not completed in time; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Details of ongoing projects of Northern/and North Eastern Railways in Uttar Pradesh are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Length (Km.)	Railway	Target date for completion wherever fixed. (earlier/ revised)
1	2	3	4	5
New lines				
1.	Deoband - Roorkee	27.45	Northern	
2.	Hathua-Bhatni	79.64	North Eastern	2008-09
3.	Chhitauni-Tamkuhi Road	58.88	North Eastern	
Doublings				
1.	Amroha-Kankather	31.00	Northern	07-08/08-09
2.	Sahibabad Anand Vihar 3rd & 4th line	5.75	Northern	07-08/08-09
3.	Hapur- Kankather	42.71	Northern	2008-09
4.	Utratia-Zafrabad (balance part)	148.0	Northern	2010-11
5.	Gonda-Manakpur	26.51	North Eastern	
6.	Gorakhpur-Sajanwa	17.70	North Eastern	07-08/09-10
7.	Babhnan-Manakpur	30.15	North Eastern	07-08/08-09
8.	Sajanwa-Munderwa	32.19	North Eastern	2008-09

1	2	3	4	5
9.	Munderwa-Babhnan	45.5	North Eastern	2008-09
10.	Gorakhpur-Baitalpur	34.0	North Eastern	07-08/09-10
11.	Barabanki-Burhwal	29.0	North Eastern	
12.	Bhatni-Baitalpur	28.07	North Eastern	
13.	Ghaghra Ghat - Chauk Ghat	5.63	North Eastern	07-08/09-10
14.	Bhatni-Jiradei	38.11	North Eastern	
15.	Mau-Indara	8.0	North Eastern	
Gauge conversion				
1.	Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura and Kasganj- Bareilly-Lalkua	544.5	North Eastern	2008-09
2.	Kaptanganj-Thawe-Siwan-Chhapra	233.5	North Eastern	2008-09
3.	Aunrihar-Jaunpur	59.0	North Eastern	08-09/09-10
4.	Gonda-Gorakhpur with Anand Nagar-Nautanwa	81.28	North Eastern	2009-10
5.	Gonda-Bahraich-Sitapur-Lucknow Ph-I.	60.0	North Eastern	
6.	Bhojipura-Tanakpur	101.79	North Eastern	

(c) and (d) All the works are progressed in phased manner as per availability of resources and keeping in view the quantum of work involved and constraints in completion of various works particularly doubling which require non interlocked working. There have been delays in some of the works due to failure of and delay in finalization of contracts, delay in forestry clearance including tree cutting, abnormally heavy and prolonged rainfall, land acquisition by State Govt. and steep rise in steel and cement prices. Remedial measures have been taken by way of modification in contract conditions, empowerment of field units, providing funds through internal generation and participation by State Govts. The matter has been taken up with State Governments for land acquisition and forestry clearance including tree cutting.

Electrification of rail sections

†684.SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy of his Ministry regarding electrification of rail sections;

(b) whether it is not appropriate that maximum number of rail sections be electrified; and

(c) the number of proposals sent by the State of Rajasthan for the electrification of rail sections and the details of their present status?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.